

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-18 were canceled, Claims 19-29 have been added. Thus, Claims 7 and 19-29 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claim 7 has been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 7 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Ohran* (US 5,835,953). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Claim 7 (and similarly Claims 22 and 26) recites a step of "storing a copy of data structure defining a coherency relationship between a region of data and a flash copy image of said region of data within a cache of said shared storage system, wherein said data structure is subject to one or more lock protocols controlled by an owner storage controller node within said shared storage system within said shared storage system, wherein said data structure includes a previous positive confirmation that said region of data a flash copy associated with said flash copy image of said region of data are consistent." The claimed storing step is not disclosed by *Ohran*.

Because the claimed invention recites novel features that are not disclosed by *Ohran*, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 7 and 19-29 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 7, 22 and 26 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

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